

## EXODUS 35-36:7 – TABERNACLE OFFERING.

1. (1-3) In the coming chapters, there was a lot of work for Israel to do. They had to build the Tabernacle of meeting. Yet before they did anything, they should be reminded to enter into God's rest, observe the Sabbath.

2. (4-9) Take an offering...from whoever is of a willing heart. Now it was time to implement the commanded from Exodus 25-31.

"This offering came from God's command, not from Moses' clever fund-raising techniques. This shows God's normal way of channeling resources to His work – by the gifts given from His people with a **willing heart**."

"God could cause the money and materials to appear by a miracle. Yet He chose to fund His work through the willing gifts of His people. He works this way because we need to be a giving people."

*2 Corinthians 9:7-8 - So let each one give as he purposes in his heart, not grudgingly or of necessity; for God loves a cheerful giver. And God is able to make all grace abound toward you, that you, always having all sufficiency in all things, may have an abundance for every good work.*

3. (10-19) God commanded that the labor to make the tabernacle and its furnishings come from the spiritually enabled artisans among the Israelites.

4. (20-29) Everyone...whose heart was stirred up...there was no manipulation, intimidation or guilt tripping people into giving. God did the work in the hearts of the people. **It was also clear exactly to whom they gave – the Lord, not to Moses or even to the nation.**

5. (30-35) God chose and equipped Bezaleel and Aholiab to be the general contractors for this building project.

## EXODUS 36:1-7.

*Zechariah 4:6 - So he answered and said to me: "This is the word of the LORD to Zerubbabel: 'Not by might nor by power, but by My Spirit,' Says the LORD of hosts.*

*Philippians 2:12-13 - Therefore, my beloved, as you have always obeyed, not as in my presence only, but now much more in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling; for it is God who works in you both to will and to do for His good pleasure.*

6. (2-3) The offering.

The planning and preparation were over. It was time to actually **do the work** of building the tabernacle and its furnishings.

7. (4-7) The people bring more than enough.

**Matthew 26:6-7** - *And when Jesus was in Bethany at the house of Simon the leper, a woman came to Him having an alabaster flask of very costly fragrant oil, and she poured it on His head as He sat at the table.*

**God gives us much more than we ever need, and our giving is simply a response to His.**

**Acts 20:35** - *"I have shown you in every way, by laboring like this, that you must support the weak. And remember the words of the Lord Jesus, that He said, 'It is more blessed to give than to receive.'"*

**2 Corinthians 9:10** - *Now may He who supplies seed to the sower, and bread for food, supply and multiply the seed you have sown and increase the fruits of your righteousness,*

**"I have tried to keep things in my hands and lost them all, but what I have given into God's hands I still possess."** Martin Luther.

Captain Levy, a believer from Philadelphia, was once asked how he could give so much to the Lord's work and still possess great wealth. The Captain replied, "Oh, as I shovel it out, He shovels it in, and the Lord has a bigger shovel."

When God's work is done in God's way for God's glory, it will never lack God's supply. J. Hudson Taylor.

**Matthew 6:19-20** - *"Do not lay up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy and where thieves break in and steal; "but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys and where thieves do not break in and steal.*

**Philippians 4:19-20** - *And my God shall supply all your need according to His riches in glory by Christ Jesus. Now to our God and Father be glory forever and ever. Amen.*